

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A system for facilitating team work between people using web-enabled devices on a secure network, ~~each person having a user account with a user name and a password in a database, each person having an assigned relationship with one or more other persons in the database, each assigned relationship being defined between a pair of users,~~ the system comprising:

the a database adapted to store user accounts for each person on the secure network, each user account comprising a user name, a password and one or more assigned relationships, each assigned relationship defining sharing permissions between an owner of the user account and one other user, the database for hosting all communication between peopleusers on the secure network; and

a web-interface for peoplethe users using web-enabled devices to upload information to the database and to share the uploaded information with other people users according to the one or more assigned relationshiprelationships;

~~wherein the assigned relationship must be established between the pair of users prior to any communication between the pair of users is permitted by the database.~~

2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein each assigned relationship is hierarchical.

3. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising: productivity tools for interfacing with the database, each productivity tool being accessible from a web page.

4. (original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

a quote server interface for interacting periodically with a quote server, for retrieving financial information from the quote server, and for storing the retrieved financial information in the database.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 4, further comprising:

an account module for displaying financial investment information related to a selected user, the financial investment information including[:] investment account information ~~relative to the user accounts, the investment information including~~ comprising a list of investment assets and associated cost ~~basis~~ bases; and evaluation data ~~related to the investment account information, the evaluation data being~~ calculated from the investment account information using the retrieved financial information.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein each user ~~person~~ has more than one assigned relationship in the database.

7. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein the database is used in a corporate network having more than one server, the database for providing a secure collaborative environment within a corporation over a corporate intranet.

8-20. Canceled without prejudice.

21. (New) A system for collaborating within user-defined teams, the system comprising:

a database for storing accounts of users, each account related to a user and comprising a user name, a user password, user information, and one or more user-

defined relationships, each user-defined relationship defining a unique association between the user and a respective other user; and
an interface adapted to allow the user to share the user information with other users according to the user-defined relationships.

22. (New) The system of claim 21 wherein the user-defined relationships define a team of users that can extend across corporate and geographic boundaries.

22. (New) The system of claim 21 wherein the user information comprises financial account information related to financial assets of the user, the system further comprising:
an account module adapted to acquire the financial account information from a remote investment brokerage database and to display the financial account information comprising a list of investment assets and associated cost bases.

23. (New) The system of claim 22 further comprising:
a quote server interface for interacting periodically with a stock quote server to retrieve real-time value information related to the investment assets; and
wherein the account module is adapted to calculate evaluation data calculated from the investment account information using the retrieved value information.

24. (New) The system of claim 22 wherein the user comprises a financial advisor for a plurality of client users, wherein the account module is adapted to display the financial account information for each of the plurality of client users to the financial advisor on a single page.

25. (New) The system of claim 24 wherein selected assets within the financial account information is highlighted by the account module based on a change in a value of the asset over a predetermined period of time.

26. (New) The system of claim 21 wherein the user-defined relationships define a hierarchical association between two users.

27. (New) The system of claim 21 wherein the user information comprises document data, the system further comprising:
a document module adapted to retrieve and display document data associated with the user for access by selected ones of the other users.

28. (New) A system for hosting team-based collaboration comprising:
a database adapted to store user accounts, user information and user relationship information, each user account associated with a user of the system, the user relationship information comprising at least one relationship defining a unique association between the user and a respective other user; and
an interface through which the respective other user can access a shared portion of the user information based on the unique association.

29. (New) The system of claim 28 wherein the user information comprises:
financial asset information of the user downloaded from a brokerage database.

30. (New) The system of claim 29 wherein financial asset information comprises:

a list of financial assets and their associated cost bases.

31. (New) The system of claim 29 wherein the unique association comprises:

a client/advisor relationship defining a hierarchical association between two users wherein each user assumes a role within the unique association, wherein each user can be a client in a first relationship with a respective other user and an advisor in a second relationship with a different other user.

32. (New) The system of claim 28 wherein the user information is shared by the user at a first time and accessed by the respective other user at a different time for collaborating on an aspect of the user information.

33. (New) The system of claim 28 wherein the user defines a user-centric team based on the relationship information, the user-centric team comprising one or more other users with whom the user shares a unique association.